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Whereas, The Bible has been a constant source of moral and spiritual guidance for many people throughout the centuries; and

Whereas, The Bible has profoundly influenced art, literature, music, and codes of law; and,

Whereas, The Bible has motivated many to acts of compassion and charity; and,

Whereas, The Bible continues to provide inspiration, hope and comfort for millions of Americans today; and,

Whereas, For 64 years, people of many faiths have joined together with the National Bible Association to celebrate National Bible WeekTM as a time to be reminded of the Bible's unique place in American life and encourage Bible reading:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21-28, 2004, as

BIBLE WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge interested citizens to participate in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State